

**REGION H**  
**Water Planning Group**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MATERIALS**

**October 4, 2023**



## Common Region H Terms and Conversion Factors

### List of Abbreviations

CRU	Collective Reporting Unit
DCP	Drought Contingency Plan
DFC	Desired Future Condition
DOR	Drought of Record
EA	Executive Administrator
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FWSD	Fresh Water Supply District
GAM	Groundwater Availability Model
GCD	Groundwater Conservation District
GMA	Groundwater Management Area
GPCD	Gallons Per Capita Per Day
GRP	Groundwater Reduction Plan
IFR	Infrastructure Finance Report
IPP	Initially Prepared Plan
MAG	Modeled Available Groundwater
MPC	Master Planned Community
MUD	Municipal Utility District
MWP	Major Water Provider
PDSI	Palmer Drought Severity Index
PWS	Public Water Supply
RFIG	Regional Flood Planning Group
RHWPG	Region H Water Planning Group
ROR	Run-of-River
RWP	Regional Water Plan
RWPA	Regional Water Planning Area
RWPG	Regional Water Planning Group
SWIFT	State Water Implementation Fund for Texas
SWP	State Water Plan
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TPWD	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TWC	Texas Water Code
TWDB	Texas Water Development Board
UCM	Unified Costing Model
URS	Unique Reservoir Site
USS	Unique Stream Segment
WAM	Water Availability Model
WCID	Water Control and Improvement District
WCP	Water Conservation Plan
WMS	Water Management Strategy
WRAP	Water Rights Analysis Package
WUD	Water Utility Database
WUG	Water User Group
WWP	Wholesale Water Provider

### Water Measurements

1 acre-foot (AF) = 43,560 cubic feet = 325,851 gallons

1 acre-foot per year (ac-ft/yr) = 325,851 gallons per year = 893 gallons per day

1 gallon per minute (gpm) = 1,440 gallons per day = 1.6 ac-ft/yr

1 million gallons per day (mgd) = 1,000,000 gallons per day = 1,120 ac-ft/yr



**Region H Water Planning Group  
Nominating Committee  
9:30 AM Wednesday  
October 4, 2023  
San Jacinto River Authority Office  
1577 Dam Site Rd, Conroe, Texas 77304**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Introductions.
3. Review and approve minutes of May 3, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting.
4. **Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda item 5.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
5. Discuss and consider making recommendations to the Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) regarding vacant WPG positions.
6. **Receive public comments.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
7. Adjourn.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and would like to request auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Sonia Zamudio at (936) 588-3111 at least three business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



## Agenda Item 3

Review and approve minutes of May 3, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting.





**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 3, 2023**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Bailey, Jun Chang, Jason Garrard (for Glenn Lord), Samantha Reiter (for Gary Ashmore) and Michael Turco

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Krystal Boggs

**CONSULTANT TEAM:** Philip Taucer

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Chang welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turco and carried unanimously.

**4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM 5**

There were no comments related to this item.

**5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGION H WPG REGARDING VACANT WPG POSITIONS.**

Mr. Chang discussed the vacancy for a voting member of the WPG representing Water Utilities created when long-time member James Morrison stepped down from the WPG. He noted that it was an uncommon occurrence for the Planning Group to receive more than one statement of interest for a vacant position. The Committee discussed the letters received from Alisa Max and Richard Stolleis, with the members agreeing that both were highly qualified with a broad range of applicable local experience. After discussion, the Committee developed a recommendation to the full Planning Group that Alisa Max be approved for the vacant position, noting that the decision was challenging and that the Group would be well-served by either candidate.

**6. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**7. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



## Agenda Item 5

Discuss and consider making recommendations to the Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) regarding vacant WPG positions.



## **NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTING INDUSTRIES**

The Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) is hereby giving notice of a vacancy on the Region H Water Planning Group for a voting member representing industries. The Region H WPG may consider making an appointment to fill this vacancy on or after October 4, 2023. The term of this appointment ends in 2026.

### **Background:**

The Region H WPG was established by appointment of an initial coordinating body by the TWDB on February 19, 1998, and one subsequent additional appointment by the initial coordinating body. The purpose of the Region H WPG shall be to provide comprehensive regional water planning and to carry out the related responsibilities placed on regional water planning groups by state law, including Texas Water Code Chapter 16 and TWDB rules, including 31 TAC Chapters 355, 357, and 358, in and for the Region H Water Planning Area (WPA).

### **Responsibilities:**

The Region H WPG shall have the responsibility for performing the functions defined in Texas Water Code, Chapter 16 and in 31 TAC Chapters 355, 357, and 358 related to regional water planning groups for the Region H WPA. Foremost among those responsibilities shall be the development of a regional water plan for the Region H WPA that identifies both short and long-term water supply needs and recommends water management strategies for addressing them.

### **Conditions of Membership:**

In order to be eligible for voting membership on the Region H WPG, a person must represent the interest for which a member is sought, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process, and abide by the bylaws.

Any industry within the Region H area interested in nominating a representative to serve as a voting member representing industries may submit a letter of interest or recommendation to:

Mark Evans, Chair Region H WPG  
c/o San Jacinto River Authority  
P.O. Box 329  
Conroe, Texas 77305

Exxon Mobil Corporation

James Comin, P.E.  
Environment & Regulatory Advisor  
Global Operations & Sustainability

**ExxonMobil**

July 14, 2023

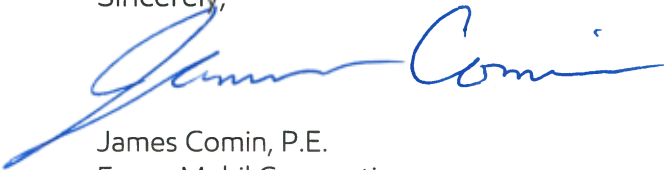
Judge Mark Evans, Chair  
Region H Water Planning Group  
San Jacinto River Authority Administrative  
Offices  
1577 Dam Site Road  
Conroe, Texas 77304

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby submit my resignation from the Region H Water Planning Group as I no longer hold the position within ExxonMobil to which I was initially nominated. It has been my pleasure to represent the industrial sector and to serve with you and the other Region H members. I wish you and the committee continued success in a very challenging task and I applaud each member's dedication to water conservation in Texas.

In addition, I'd like to recommend Ms. Cynthia Wagener, P.E., Exxon Mobil Corporation Principal Water Resource Engineer, to serve in the position I held. Her integration into various industrial trade groups along with her knowledge and experience with water resources makes her well qualified for the position.

Sincerely,



James Comin, P.E.  
Exxon Mobil Corporation

**From:** Wagener, Cynthia [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 1:43 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Region H WPG - Industries Representative

Hi Mark and team,

Thank you for considering me as a replacement for James as an industry representative on the Region H Water Planning Group. Please see a short description of my background below as an initial introduction.

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Cynthia (Cyndi) Wagener has spent over 20 years working in multiple of aspects of water and wastewater, including engineering design, operations, regulatory, supervision, and sustainability. She is currently Exxon Mobil Corporation's Water Resources Principal Engineer, which entails coordinating corporate water strategy within the Sustainability Organization, supporting US sites with water regulatory issues, and representing ExxonMobil on water issues with various Trade Organizations. Cyndi is ExxonMobil's water representative to the American Chemistry Council (ACC), Ipieca, and the American Petroleum Institute (API). She is the vice-chair of API's Clean Water Issues Group, is the co-chair of API's Upstream Water Issues Group, and outside of work commitments she is a member of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) industrial committee.

Cyndi's prior roles at ExxonMobil include Principal Wastewater Treatment Engineer in ExxonMobil's Research and Engineering organization and environmental supervisor (water and waste) at one of ExxonMobil's integrated refinery and chemical complexes. Before joining ExxonMobil in 2013, Cyndi was employed at URS Corporation (since purchased by AECOM) as an industrial water and wastewater engineer and she held a Fulbright Fellowship to conduct wastewater research at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. Cyndi holds degrees in Environmental Engineering from Louisiana State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana. Cyndi is proud to be a former president of the Louisiana Water Environment Association and recipient of LWEA's Bedell award.

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I am also happy to have a discussion or send over any additional documentation if that would be helpful, or you can see more about me on my LinkedIn profile here: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/cynthiawagener>

Regards,

Cyndi

Cynthia Wagener, P.E. (*she/her*)  
Principal Water Resources Engineer  
Global Operations & Sustainability

